



City of Longview

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Minutes

City Council

*Mayor MaryAlice Wallis
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wallin
Council Member Ruth Kendall
Council Member Angie Wean
Council Member Spencer Boudreau
Council Member Hillary Strobel
Council Member Erik Halvorson*

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

5:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a special meeting in the Longview City Hall Council Chamber, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, December 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

The City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the City Executive Office at 360.442.5004 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting. Please note - virtual attendees may comment verbally during public hearings only. Virtual attendees may also submit written comments to the Clerk's Office with the heading, "Public Comment for disbursement to the City Council".

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Webinar ID: 823 9413 2374

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Wallis called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE**
The flag salute was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Wallis, Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Strobel, Councilmember Wean, and Councilmember Boudreau

Absent and Excused: Councilmember Halvorson

Staff Present: City Manager Kris Swanson, City Attorney Dana Gigler, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Jensen, Public Works Director Ken Hash, Assistant City Manager Ann Rivers, Parks & Recreation Director Jen Wills, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Assistant Public Works Director Chris Collins, and City Engineer Sam Barnham

4. WORKSHOP**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

23-001832 DECEMBER 7, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING-WORKSHOP

23-001834 DECEMBER 14, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve the December 7, 2023 Special Meeting-Workshop Minutes and the December 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**7. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

23-001833 MINT VALLEY RACQUET COMPLEX FEASIBILITY STUDY

Parks and Recreation Director Jen Wills presented.

8. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS (Thirty Minutes)

Tom Samuels provided public comment

Tom Spain provided public comment

Jason Still provided public comment

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**10. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS****11. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

23-001841 RESOLUTION NO. 2471 – WATER RATES FOR 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2471

Public Works Director Ken Hash presented.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to

adopt Resolution No. 2471. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Strobel, Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, and Mayor Wallis

Nays: Councilmember Boudreau

Jason Still provided public comment

Tom Samuels provided public comment

23-001842 RESOLUTION NO. 2472 – SEWER RATES FOR 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2472

Public Works Director Ken Hash presented.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt Resolution No. 2472. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Strobel, Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, and Mayor Wallis

Nays: Councilmember Boudreau

Jason Still provided public comment

Teresa Purcell provided public comment

Public Works Director Ken Hash discussed discounted utility rates available to citizens

23-001843 RESOLUTION NO. 2474 – STORMWATER RATES FOR 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2474

Assistant Public Works Director Chris Collins presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Wean, to adopt Resolution No. 2474. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Wean, Councilmember Strobel, Mayor Pro Tem Wallin, and Mayor Wallis

Nays: Councilmember Boudreau

Jason Still provided public comment

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wallis recognized Councilmember Ortiz, Councilmember Strobel and Mayor Pro Tem Wallin for their service to the City of Longview on various boards and committees over the years and presented them with cards and awards.

13. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Strobel thanked the other councilmembers

Mayor Pro Tem Wallin provided a report

Councilmember Wean provided a report

Councilmember Boudreau provided a report

Councilmember Kendall provided a report

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to approve the Consent Calendar.

Jason Still provided public comment

Teresa Purcell provided public comment

23-001840 CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH GIBBS AND OLSON FOR MT SOLO RESERVOIR FILL LINE IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH GIBBS AND OLSON

23-001844 CONTRACT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF COWLITZ COUNTY FOR ANIMAL LICENSING AND SHELTER SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF COWLITZ COUNTY

23-001845 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR CLONEY PARK CARES ACT FUNDING ALLOCATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 11TH TO DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF CARES ACT FUNDING FOR REMODELING OF CLONEY PARK.

23-001777 RESOLUTION NO. 2473 - ANIMAL CONTROL RATES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2473

Council had a lengthy discussion about the animal control rates.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wean, seconded by Councilmember Kendall to remove Resolution No. 2473 from the Consent Calendar for Special Consideration.

Council continued to discuss the animal control rates

Council returned to the original motion to adopt the consent calendar but with the removal of Resolution No. 2473 from the Consent Calendar for Special Consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

Council continued to discuss the animal control rates

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt Resolution No. 2473 as presented.

Council continued to discuss the animal control rates

Tom Samuels provided public comment

Jason Still provided public comment

Tom Spain provided public comment

The motion carried unanimously.

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

23-001846 RAILS TO TRAILS

City Manager Kris Swanson started the presentation.

Assistant Public Works Director Chris Collins presented

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Kendall to direct the City Manager to move forward with an Interlocal Agreement with Beacon Hill and prepare a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the property from Patriot Rail.

*Larry Crosby provided public comment
Keith Young provided public comment
Jason Still provided public comment
Larry Crosby provided public comment*

The motion carried unanimously

23-001847 2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

City Manager Kris Swanson presented.

A motion was made by Councilmember Strobel, seconded by Councilmember Kendall to adopt the Federal Legislative Agenda.

Jason Still provided public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Huhta reported on the Downtown Advisory Committee December 19, 2023 meeting and presented on Downtown Longview Parking and provided a handout. Council recommended that this matter be put on the January 11, 2024, City Council Meeting.

City Manager Kris Swanson announced the following:

January 10th CFM and staffers from the Federal Delegation will be here to tour the Beech Street Project.

January 11th is the first Council Meeting of the year - District Court Judge Imboden will conduct the swearing in of new councilmembers.

January 18th tentatively scheduling a Workshop on Solid Waste.

January 19th and 20th will conduct a Council Retreat.

January 25th Council Meeting will start with a Public Forum regarding Use of Fishers Lane Property and Parking.

City Manager Kris Swanson recognized the outgoing councilmembers

16. MISCELLANEOUS

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by outgoing Councilmember Strobel

***Kelly Jensen
Deputy City Clerk***

***Approved: _____
Mayor***

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and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.